

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

- (a) My residence and Citizenship are as stated below my name. My P.O. (mailing) address is the same as my residence unless otherwise stated.  
(b)  I verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter that is embraced by and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **IN VIVO USE OF WATER ABSORBENT POLYMERS**  
and the specification of which:  is attached hereto (\_\_\_\_).  
  
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 (check one)       was filed on November 6, 2001 as (61350A).  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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<b>US or PCT Appln. Serial No.</b> <u>60/249,955</u>	<b>Filing Date</b> <u>November 20, 2000</u>	<b>Status at Application Filing Date</b> <u>Pending</u>
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Additional claims for benefit are attached.

I hereby appoint the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) at the following Customer No. to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to



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